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**DELAWARE TESTS ALL
NEW EPZ SIRENS SEPT. 27, 29**
Test EAS message will be broadcast

On Wednesday, Sept. 27, the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA), along with PSEG Nuclear, will conduct a siren test of all 37 emergency sirens included in the new state-of-the-art siren system that is within 10-miles of the Salem-Hope Creek Generating Station in New Jersey. There may be additional testing on Friday, Sept. 29. In addition to sounding of the sirens in the Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ), an Emergency Alert System (EAS) notice will be broadcast on local media.

This new system is replacing one which has been in use for more than 30 years. The new sirens feature battery back-up power and are almost maintenance free.

Delaware has 37 sirens within the 10-mile EPZ. A current study determined that Delaware is sufficiently covered by the 37 sirens in the Emergency Planning Zone and no additional sirens are needed.

The siren system operates off primary AC utility power. A battery backup system for each of the sirens and the transceiver has been supplied for all sirens. The battery back-up power allows for normal siren communications for a period of at least 21 days in a stand-by mode during a power outage.

Activation site for Delaware is at the Delaware State Police Communications Center in the State Emergency Operations Center; and Kent County Emergency Operations Center serves as a backup activation center.

Test of all 37 sirens is scheduled between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on the following dates:

Wednesday, Sept. 27 **All Sirens**, full siren test with Emergency Alert System message in the morning. Periodic growl tests may be conducted throughout the day.

Friday, Sept. 29 **If necessary for further testing**, full and growl tests may be conducted throughout the day.

The Full Siren Test involves a **three (3) to five (5) minutes** sounding of the 37 sirens in Delaware, followed by a test message of the Emergency Alert System (EAS).

The Growl Test involves a very brief 15 second sounding of the sirens. A growl test may not be heard except in close proximity to the siren.

Should an actual emergency occur at Salem or Hope Creek Nuclear Generating Stations, sirens would alert the public to tune to one of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) stations for important emergency instructions.

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